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1. A new type of military school known as the "Zizka School" has been introduced in Czechoslovakia. Reliable Communists, both men and women, are sent to it for a course which is primarily political in nature. One of the largest of these schools is located in Ceska Trebova (Boehmisch Treubau - P50/N28). Students of the Zizka School are recruited from all circles including university students and graduate physicians. Graduates of universities must successfully complete the Zizka course before they accept positions.
2. Graduates of the Zizka Schools wear uniforms with gold buttons and gold arm stripes and badges similar to those worn by Military Academy students. Zizka students are trained to take over the work of any officer who is suddenly imprisoned or transferred. Graduates are assigned to various military administrative jobs such as in military offices and hospitals, at switchboards, and as guards in the Ministry of Defense. There is a tendency to replace military administrative officers with women graduates of the Zizka Schools and thus release the officers for garrison duty. Because of frequent purges, there is a shortage of regular officers, especially technicians.

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